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Use Thereof**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final decision of the Examiner dated **September 23, 2002**, in which claims 33-43, 45-47, 51-58, 60, 71, and 74-77 were finally rejected. The fee (for a qualified small entity) for filing a Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b)), along with any necessary extension fees (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)), is included in our PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form. In the event that extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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